Employment opportunities for Tribals in Andhra Pradesh

*110. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coconut coir making, agarbatti making, dari weaving and Handloom Training Centres have been established by or with the funding of Government in the tribal parts of Andhra Pradesh for generation of employment opportunities for tribals in such areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for generation of employment opportunities for tribals of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribals Affairs has a scheme for the establishment of Vocational Training Centres to impart training to the tribal entrepreneurs in a number of trades including that of coconut coir making, agarbatti making , dari weaving, handloom etc. The entire expenditure of the scheme is borne by the Central Government and is operated throughout the country both by the State Government as well as Non-Governmental Sector. In the State of Andhra Pradesh, 13 such centers are being funded by the Ministry at present. However, training in the trades under reference do not form part of the training centers sanctioned so far in Andhra Pradesh since no proposal as per the provisions of the scheme has been received from the State of Andhra Predesh.

(c) Apart from providing Special Central Assistance, which is primarily aimed at implementation of income generating schemes which create employment, the Ministry sponsors a number of schemes such as vocational training centers, computer training centers, typing and shorthand training centers, tailoring, embroidery, etc. Additionally, the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation provides soft loans for self employment to the tribal youth for entrepreneurial ventures like auto-rickshaw, book binding, poultry, pig rearing etc.

Sale and manufacture of spurious medicines

*112. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
PROF. R. B. S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: